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WAR ON FRONTIER

Three Thousand Turkish Troops Blown Up.

The Soldiers Were on Their Way to the Grecian Frontier.

CAUGHT LIKE RATS IN A TRAP

Many Lives Lost-The Explosion Supposed to Have Been the Work of Macedoniaus - Fighting Be ween Macedonian Insurgents and Turks Also Reported-A Blockade of the Coast of Greece and Crete Said to Have Been Ordered by Russin, Germany, and Austrie

London, March 13 .- A dispatch from Constantinople states that fighting has occurred near Gravena between a number of Macedonian insurgents and a body of Turkish troops. Details of the fight are

TURKISK TROOPS BLOWN UP. Were on Their Way to the Turkish Frontier.

Athens, March 13.-A dispatch from Larissa, in Thessaly, says that a railway bridge over the river Varduati, near Salonica, Turkey, was blown up with dynamite while a train with 3,000 Turkish troops on board was crossing it.

A large portion of the bridge was comrdetely wrecked. Several of the cars were overturned and fell into the river. Many of their occupants were unable to get out and perished before assistance could be rendered them. Other soldiers who managed to get free from the cars were dragged down by the weight of their accontrements and drowned.

It is not known how many lost their lives, but it is reported that the number is large. The transportation of troops in

Advices from Canea show that the piltaging of the houses of absent Christians The Texan Gets the Democratic In that city is being continued not by the Turkish troops alone, but by the Turkish municipal authorities, and despite the fact that sailors and marines from the foreign warships, landed ostenship to protect the town, are still on duty, no effort has been made to stop the work of the robbers. In fact that pillaging is WERE CROSSING A BRIDGE going on in the presence of the forces of the powers, who have received no orders

TO BLOCKADE GREECE.

It Is Said This Action Will Be Taken by the Powers.

Vienns, March 13 - The Fremdenblatt and other papers of this city, state that Russia, Germany, and Austria have instructed their respective admirals to take steps conjointly with their colleagues to blockade Crete and Greece. Great Britain operate in the blockade, but the decision

of France is yet awaited. Rouse, March 13 -It is positively stated in semi-official quarters that the powers have virtually decided to make no reply to Greece's answer to the identical note de nonding the withdrawal of the Greek fleet and troops from Crete, but to proceed at once to take such steps as will compel Greece to accede to the demands made upon

It is said that the first step to be taken of a pacific blockade of Crete, which means and sold, but will be held until the Cretan question shall be settled, when they will be returned to their owners.

FORCED TO LEAVE,

The Grecian Steamer Smyrna Ordered Away From Canea.

Athens, March 13.-The Greek steamer Smyrna arrived at Canca this morning. Immediately after she had come to an anchor her captain received an order from one of the foreign admirals, presumably Admiral Canevaro, of the Italian havy, who is, by reason of seniority, in and of the combined fleets, directing

The captain of the Smyrna refused to do o, whereupon the admiral who issued the order sent him notice that he would be given five minutes in which to obey the order. If at the expiration of that time the steamer still remained in port an armed boat would be sent out to cut ber cables. In view of this neremptory notice the Smyrna weighed her anchor and left

Bayard Going to Italy. London, March 13.-Hon. Thomas F. Rayard, United States ambassador, with

the direction of the Greek frontier has his family, will start for Italy on Wednes been suspended pending the repair of day. V.VITH the advent of good cycling weather the question of proper bicycle clothing is a very important one with most riders. We supply everything for the proper equipment of the men folks. Correct, stylish, combination Golf and Bicycle' Suits, separate trousers, newest colors and combinations in Sweaters and Hose, newest Belts, latest shapes and fabrics in Bicycle and Golf

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MAKE BAILEY THEIR CHIEF

Nomination for Speaker.

REPUBLICAN CAUCUS

All of the Present Officers of the House Renominated-Tom Reed Makes a Speech-Walker and Mahany Denounce House Rules. Populist Caucus Postponed.

The national Democracy as represented in Congress yesterday afternoon followed: ht precedent set at Chicago last July. It chose another young leader. The Democratic party in its centennial year was led in a national campaign by the youngest near ever named for President by a great party. Yesterday afternoon it chose as its leader in the Bouse of Representatives a man born since the battle of Gettysburg. Joseph W. Butley of Texas is the same age that Thomas Jefferson was when he wrote the Declaration of Independence. He is now serving his fourth term in Congress, and won easily yesterday over competitors who have seen more than twenty years in

Congress. The Democratic caucus was slow in conterday, and did not get at work unt that vessels captured while attempting to 3,30. It was called to order by Reprerun the blockade will not be condemned sentative S. M. Robertson of Louisiana, who has been secretary of the canons for several years. James D. Richardson of Tennessee, who withdrew from the race for nomination for Speaker a short time before the caucus was called to order, was made permanent chairman of the caucus and Representative Robertson was reelected secretary.

Nominations for Speaker being in order Representative Sayers, of Texas, named Mr. Bailey, and the nomination was supported by Swanson, of Virginia.

Congressman Maguire, of California, named Mr. McMillin, of Tennessee, and Sulzer, of New York, seconded the nomination. Cox, of Tennessee, and Berry, of Kentucky, also

Representative Terry, of Arkansas, named

Richard P. Bland, of Missouri, The ballot resulted as follows: Bailey. 56; McMillin, 30; Bland, 22. The latter was not present at the caucus, and the use of his name was wholly unauthorized. It was admitted before the contest between McMillin and Bailey began that Bland could be nominated if he so desired. His long mence in the silver movement, coupled with his candidacy for President at Chi cago, last summer, would have made his nomination inevitable had be offered his It is said that Mr. Bailey Wrote dacy, pledging that gentleman his support for Speaker, if he desired to have it. Bland replied that he did not desire the prefer He was quite satisfied with the

on the silver question, the great current The votes cast for Bland were there fore without authority. Some of them were east by way of compliment and others came from gentlemen who were un willing to take sides as between the leaders. Bailey and McMillin.

certainty that he would lead the minority

After the nomination for Speaker was made the other complimentary nominations were as follows: Clerk-James Kerr, of Pennsylvania.

Sergeant-at-Arms -- Henry H. Moler, of Doorkeeper-George M. Cruikshank, of

Postmaster -T. B. Stackhouse, of South Chaplain -Rev. E. B. Pagby, of the District of Columbia

Special Democratic Employe-Isaac R. Hill, of Obio. Democratic Messengers - George L. Brown ing, of Virginia; J. B. Kuight, of Georgia Democratic Page-James English, of

California. James Kerr was Clerk of the Fifty econd and Fifty-third Congresses. Dr. in the Fifty-third Congress. Hill bas been an officer of the House twenty-five years, English for about fifteen years and Browning for six years. Knight, who defeated the well-known Tom Coakley, of New York, was formerly : page in the House

With the exception of English, the whole so-called Bailey slate went through. English is very popular, but even he would have been defeated by the Bailey organization had it not been for a speech made by Oscar Underwood, of Alabama, who described the valuable services rendered by

the young gentleman in contested election cases: STORER'S HOPES BLASTED cases. Mr. Pailey was awaiting the result in

the Appropriations Committee room, where a committee, consisting of Messrs. Sayers, Cox and McCleilau, met him, and after extending their congratulations, escorted him to the House chamber, where he was re-ceived with applause. The young Texan ascended to the Speaker's platform and expressed his gratification at the honor conferred upon him, and advocated barmony in the party.

The following resolution, offered by Mr Dockery, of Missouri, was adopted: . "Resolved, That a committee of five Representatives be appointed to confer with the Democratic Senators for the purpose of having a point caucus of Senators and Members, during the Fifty-fifth Congress, to the end that harmon yand uniformity of party action may prevail in the course to be followed by the Democratic

Senators and Representatives."
The case is then adjudraed. Much is expected of Mr. Balley by his friends. It is believed he wildmake a very resourceful, vigorous and aggressive leader of the minority and so conduct himself as to make his election as Speaker certain in the first I emocratic Congress. He will he the ranking Democratic member of the Committee on Ways and Means and Rules. He is a radical sover Democrat, and Is relied upon to do everything possible to keep that issue to the front-

THE REPUBLICAN CAUCUS.

All of the Present House Officers Renominated.

The Republican caucus, held in the hall of the House last night, was a purely perfunctory affair. All the present officers were renominated, and everything passed

The attendance of members was unusually large, 192 of the 203, being preent. The new members were conspicuously

Mr. Payne of New York was selected to place Mr. Reed in nomination. He referred in flattering terms to Mr. Reed's popularity in the House. He said that Mr. Reed was nominated when this Congress was elected; that he was the choice of the Republican party, and that it was the business of the canons to respond to this When Mr. Payne had popular demand taken his seat Mr. Grosvenor of Ohio, who occupied the chair, put the motion, and it was adopted without a dissenting vote. Payne of New York and Mr. Cannon of Illinois, two of the veteran members of the House, were designated to escort the Speaker, who was quietly seated in his rate office, to the floor. As he entered all the members rose to their feet and greeted him with a hearty burst of applause. Mr. Reed howed his acknowledgment, and, standing in the area before

the Speaker's desk, said: "Gentlemen: I am very greatly gratified by your kind action tonight, and shall try to serve your wishes with whatever ability

"We have again, as in the last Congress a politically divided legislative power. House of Representatives will be Republi can by a considerable majority, and, fresh from the people, will endeavor to carry out their wishes. I do not doubt your determination to do all in your power to bring this session of Congress to a speedy close. Our duty is simple, and the people leave to them the recovery of the country from the stagnation and depression of business which have so sorely tried the patience of a vigorous and growing peo-

"What others may see fit to do we do not know, but we have strong hopes that all branches of the Government will be in accord as to the policy of giving to the people immediately whatever relief their wisdom may desire

Mr. Dingley, of Maine, chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the last House, was called upon to state what had been done in preparation for the work for which an extraordinary session of Congress had been called. Mr. Dingley said: "I congratulate the Republican memhers-elect of the Fifty-fifth Congress on the prompt and harmonious manner in which the preliminary work of this caucus had been accomplished (Applause.) I trust that it is an argury of the promptitude and harmony which will be exhibited in the extra session which will open on Mon-

"The Republican members of the Ways and Means Committee of the last House, in response to a general demand for this course, have occupied several weeks in revising the tariff with a view of providing ment without the necessity of bormwing in times of peace; and at the same time so adjusting these daties as to encourage the lustries of this country which have been so badly stricken, partly by excessive for eign competition, during the past three years. (Applause.) We hope to complete

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Mr. McKinley Has Nothing for Him That Is Satisfactory.

WAS A CABINET POSSIBILITY

Friend of the President, a Victim of the Power of Foraker, Who Knows Him Not When He Passes Him By.

It has come to be pretty well understood that the Hon. Bellamy Storer will get no appointment under the present-Administration. The places he wanted were de nied film, under a combination of circum stances, and those he can get he ha

Mr. Storer at first thought he would like strated that two such places could not go to Ohio. He was then invited, as the story goes, to be First Assirtant Secretary of State, and he had about concluded to ccept it, when a protest came from Sen: tor Foraker. Mr. Storer was objectionable to Senator Foraker in that particular place, for the reason, as alleged, that he could not transact business with a man with whom he was not on sneaking terros. and Mr. Foraker expects to have a good deal of business with the State Depart Secretaries. He did not object to Mr.

Storer going abroad.

The President and Mr. Sherman were in a quandary, but Mr. Storer maintained a serenity of temper most commendable. He did not believe Senator Foraker's opposi-tion was the simon-pure article, and was of the opinion he would relent. To his surprise, however, the protest was renewed and added to it was an objection by Senator Hanna. It is a part of the gossip concerning this incident that Senator Hanna is supporting Mr. Foraker with a view of placating any opposition to his election for the long term. The two Senators were too strong to be resisted, and Mr. Storer was obliged to look elsewhere that is, he and "the Administration" cast about for another place for his acceptance

Here again was an obstacle. The prinipal places were mortgaged and the minor places undesimble. It is said to be the President's sincere desire to Co something for Mr. Storer, but he is the victim of circumstances and Senatorial cower, and it is alleged that he has about concluded to settle down to the enjoyment of his wealth at home. It is his purpose, his friends say, to reside in Washington, at his own residence, at No. 1640 Rhode Island avenue.

Telegraphic Brevities.

Liebmann's brewery, at Brooklyn, N. Y., was damaged to the extent of \$50,000 by fire early yesterday morning. It is announced that the Ogdensburg and Lake Champlain Railroad will be turned

over to Charles Parsons, who has been an expect us to perform it at once and then pointed receiver of the road, on March 21. Strauss' new opera, "The Goddess of Reason." was presented at Vienna last night. and scored a great success by reason of its excellent music. The libretto is of an invented by sickness from being present.

In the orphaus' court at Philadelphia Judge Penrose awarded \$246,064 to guardian of Mabel W. Arey, a minor, to be held for her until she gains her majority. The account was of the residuary estate of the girl's father, Henry W. Arey. deceased, left in trust for the wife, Susan E. Arey, and at her death directed to go absolutely to the daughter, Mabel. Mrs. Arey died in Chicago last winter. The daughter also resides there.

President Feiton, of the Pennsylvania Steel Company, says there is no truth in the story that the Carnegie and Penasylvania Steel Companies had entered into an agreement whereby the Pittsburg concern is to furnish to the Pennsylvania Com pany all steel billets at a price \$1 lower than they could be produced at Steelton We intend to start up the open hearth department at Steelton as soon as possibie," Mr. Felton said, and the Sparrows' Point rail mill would be run by its owners as soon as it can be gotten ready.

Killed on a Crossing. Holland, Mich., March 13.-Martin Behaan, Simon Boertke, and Henry Dric-senga, while crossing the Chicago and West Michigan railroad tracks in a wagon today near Zeeland, were struck by an express train Behaan and Boertke were killed instantly, and Driesenga cannot pos-

Times

Burglars Reap a Rich Haul Cambria, Va. Richmond, Va., March 13.-Expert but glars dynamited the safe in the postoffice at Cambria, Montgomery county, last night. A small amount of money and about \$100 in stamps and over \$12,000 in notes and bonds belonging to private parties were stolen. There is no ciew to the robbers.

Rogers Challenges Gaudaur.

Worcester, Mass., March 13. - Erastus D. Rogers, champion oarsman of America, who challenged the world, bas J. G. Gaudaur, on February 2, has decided to throw down the bar to the world's champion, and today challenged Gaudaur to row a match race of two rules with one turn for the championship of the world, the Police Gazette championship cup and a money purse of \$1,000, \$200 a side. Rogers ask that the race be rowed over the regatta course on Lake Quinsignmund at Worces-

HUNTER NAMED BY CAUCUS

Kentucky Republicans Nominate Him for the Senate.

Ex-Senator Blackburn Said to Have Formed an Alliance With Gov. Bradley to Defeat Him,

Frankfert, Ky., March 13.-The Kentucky legislature convened here today. The | made by accretions and otherwise on the and senate were but it session soon after noon but nothing of general importance was done. The event of the day | known as the McKee scrip, to have this was the Republican caucus for United States Senator and the sudden turn made by ex-Senator Blackburn to tent the caucus tominee, Representative W. Godfrey Hun-

For the past ten days the fight between the Republican factions and the Blackburn forces has been drawing to a finish. Men have been brought together who have been opposed to each other almost for a life The gold Democrats have stood off with no candidate and waiting develop-They have been determ defeat Blackburn at any cost. Gov. Bradley has used all his strength to defeat Hunter, but the result today showed a signal fallure. The vote stood, on the first ballot, Hunter, 38; Holt, 15; Lewis, 5: Boyle, 5: Yerkes, 2. It is asserted that were really for Dr. Hunter, and be had 43 had needed them. He has claimed: 45.

Ex-Senator Blackburn, with "Jack" Chino, Eph Lillard and other lieutenants is on the ground with a strong body of soiver Democrats solidly at his back. As soon as Gov. Bradley's defeat was an nonneed he sent a messenger and a conference was held. It is stated as beyond a debbt that a plan was agreed upon by which Dr Hunter will yet be defeated. Hunter's friends claim that they will eat Republican members hitherto considered in doubt and he will have sevent;

straight Republican votes. His opponents say Bradley can carry with him at least fifteen votes from the Republican camp. Blackburn expects to deliver fifty-five to sixty Democrats. This is enough to elect Bradley. The gold Democrats are ex-pected to vote for Hunter, but their numher is not sufficient to change the result. Bradley's defiance of Senator Hanna was the first intimation that this union might be effected. The result will be al-

most as unsatisfactory to the Administration as if a Democrat were chosen. silver Democrats expect to regain control of the State government as their reward. Dr. Hunter is confident of his election He says the balloting will begin Monday Lient. Gov. Worthington decided today that no hallot can be taken under the law until March 23. Gold Democrats agree with Hunter both us to his election and the date of the first ballot.

The Register to Be Returned.

Halifax, N. S , March 13.-Information was received here today by Musgrave & owners of the steamer Bermuda, of fillbuster notoriety, stating that the British ambassador at Washington would cause the vessel's register to be returned to her at Pernandina, Fig., where it was taken away

Famous Cornetist Dead. Boston, March 13.—Thomas W. Henry, the famous cornetist, died suddenly this evening in a drug store waiting for a car to take him to Jamaica. Plain, when he was suddenly taken ill and collapsed on the sidewalk. He was taken into the store and a physician was alled, but he died after the physician

BLISS VACATES HIS ORDER

The Secretary of the Interior Disciplines Judge Lamoreux.

DISMISSAL RUMORED

The Commissioner of the Land Office Charged With Disobeying Secretary Francis-Latest Developments in the Chicago Loke

Developments yesterday in the Chicago lake front case indicate that by reason of certain acts of Judge Silas W. Lamereux, Commissioner of the Land Office, he will not be permutted to resign, but will be dismissed from his office by the Sceretary of the Interior. The circumstances leading up to this condition of things brose when Mr. Francis was Secretary of the Interior and involve a disobedience of the order of that Cabract officers at a reversal by Judge Lamoreux not only of his own opinion in the case, but of all the precisients of judgment in the matter in the Land Office A decision either way in this long litigation meant from \$16,000,000 to \$20,000,000 to

the successful litigant. The case, as is now well-known, in-voiced the title to 160 acres of kind three nores. Efforts were made in 1891 land set aside to Capt. George Streeter and T. Warner, in the respective years men tioned, but the decision of the Land Office and of Acting Secretary of the Interior Chandler were against the claimants. The claim made in 1893 was denied largely, it is said, on the strength of a decision made

The last claimants under the McKec scrip are ex.Fire Marshal Brenner, of Chicago, and H. M. Lafollette, of Indiana. The attorneys in this case are Budley and Michener, of this city: P. J. Somers, of Milwaukee, Wis., and Hon. John G. Car-liste. It is alleged that when this last claim was instituted, Judge Lamorux, in to understand that there was no merit in Sucsequently, it is chimed from the

fecords, this case was granted a hearing before Judge Lamoreux, Assistant Comoner Rest and Mr. Shaw of the lands and railroads division of the Lund Office. Judge Best held to the former decisions but Judge Lamoreux decided in favor of Benner and Lafoflette. This took place a few days before the 20th of last Febmary, Justice Laureroux having signed the

Just here the trouble began. It was learned by Secretary Francis what the decision was, and he took steps to forestall its promulgation on the ground, na it was understood, that he desired so important a matter at the close of his term Secretary of the Interior.

Judge Lamoreux's order became a finality, so far as he was concerned, on the publication, which, however, is apparently subject to the order of the Secretary of the Interior, For the reason stated, or any other, Secretary Francis Issued his order on the 22d, suspending all action in the case which would include the publication or promulgation of the decision of

had had copies of the decision prepared with instructions that they be published on the 23d, and gave one copy on the 20th, it is asserted, to a "party" not named. It is supposed that in this way the news of the decision became known unoffi-cially. This produced the clash between Mr. Francis and Judge Lamoreux, and it was this state of affairs that confronted Secre-Bliss when he took charge.

Secretary Bilss began his public investigation of the circumstances yesterday by addressing the following communication to

Jodge Lamoreaux: "It having been made known to me that

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